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# Task 1

## Linguistic and Cultural Landscape

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# Linguistic and Cultural Landscape Quiz

1. How many languages (besides English and French) are spoken in Canada?
2. What are common languages (besides English and French) you hear on the streets of Toronto?
3. Think about your university colleagues and professors. What are their linguistic and cultural backgrounds?

# Linguistic and Cultural Landscape Facts

1. Over 200 languages are spoken in Canada, including immigrant and indigenous language. Over half of the population in Toronto speaks a language that is not English or French (Statistics Canada, 2012).
2. You probably hear a lot of languages on the streets of Toronto. The most spoken immigrant languages are: Cantonese, Punjabi, Chinese, Urdu, and Tamil (Statistics Canada, 2012).
3. Like Canada, your university is linguistically and culturally diverse. You probably have professors and colleagues who speak multiple languages and come from different cultural backgrounds.

Curious about the languages in Canada?

Check out the most spoken immigrant languages in the link below

Statistics Canada



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<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/11/25/justin-trudeau-says-syrian-refugee-plan-an-example-of-canadas-diversity-and-strength.html>

# Linguistic and Cultural Trajectories of Torontonians and Residents of Toronto

- Most people who live in Toronto know more than one language and one culture (even if knowledge is limited)
- This means that you will probably have interactions with people from diverse backgrounds
- Knowing about people's languages and cultures can help us understand each other better and lead to improved communications in educational, social and workplace settings

# Look at the items below. Reflect on how each has influenced your linguistic and cultural identity

*E.g.: I lived in different provinces in China so I learned different dialects, for example... I have also travelled to Spain and I learned a few words in Spanish and a bit of Spanish culture, for example most people have a "siesta." Do you know what that is?*

- **Place of birth**
- **Official Languages**
- **Dialects (language variation)**
- **Heritage**
- **Travel**
- **Globalization**
- **Education**
- **Music, TV, cinema**
- **Games**
- **Sports**
- **Food**
- **Values**
- **Beliefs**
- **Job Opportunities**
- **Other**

# Sharing your Linguistic and Cultural Identity

## Group Work

- Work in groups of 3 or 4
- Deliver a 2-minute monologue about how the events in the previous slide have shaped your linguistic and cultural identity
- By the end of the task, share ideas about how knowing about others' linguistic and cultural identity can help with communication and how this can help you when collaborating with colleagues in different classes at the university. Report a few ideas to your class



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**You have completed Task 1**

**Thank you for your participation**